GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF FOODGRAINS FOR MID DAY MEAL SCHEME
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has to realise an amount of more than Rs. 500 crorefrom the Ministry of Human Resource Development for supplying foodgrains for the mid-day meal scheme;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the FCI has now threatened to stop supply of foodgrains unless the Ministry ofHuman Resource Development pays these arrears first;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the response of the Ministry of Human Resource Development thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SU MAHARIA)

(a)&(b): As per the information furnished by FCI, an amount of Rs.493.04 crores is to berealised from the Ministry of Human Resource Development as on 31.01.2003 for the supply of foodgrains for the mid-day meal scheme.

(c)&(d): The FCI has not stopped the supply of foodgrains for the mid-day meal scheme. TheMinistry of Human Resource Development has been advised to clear the outstanding immediately.

(e): The Ministry of Human Resource Development has requested the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution not to interrupt supplies under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme. They havealso informed that they have requested the Ministry of Finance to provide sufficient funds for the purpose to settle the outstanding payment.